

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Title : Exhaust Gas Purification Apparatus, Exhaust Gas
Purification Method, and Sulfur Component Trapping
Agent for Internal Combustion Engine

AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR §1.114

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Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in response to the final Office Action dated July 9, 2009. **An extension of the deadline for response to the Office Action is respectfully requested pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) and the appropriate fee is submitted herewith.**

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. ***No additional claims fees are due.***

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.

An **RCE** accompanies this Amendment.